



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01,481-D)

In the Application of:

Needleman)
Serial No.: 09/898,772) Art Unit: 1614
Filed: July 2, 2001) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Title: Method of Using Cyclooxygenase-2)
Inhibitors in the Treatment and)
Prevention of Dementia)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

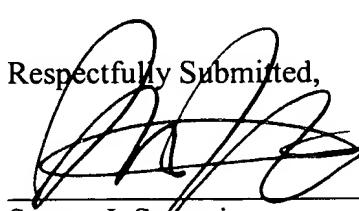
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.115, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

Please cancel claims 15-28.

Date: May 14, 2002

By:

Respectfully Submitted,


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